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Re: Docket No. 2008-0083 - Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

Dear Parties:

The Parties' deadline to file Opening Briefs in this docket was on January 5, 2010. The record indicates that HECO filed its Opening Brief by the January 5, 2010 deadline, but then filed a Corrected Opening Brief on January 6, 2010, and then later filed

¹"Parties" collectively refers to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO"), the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") and the Department of the Navy on behalf of the Department of Defense ("DOD").

²See Letter dated December 18, 2009, from the Commission to HECO, at 2.

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corrections to its Corrected Opening Brief on January 19, 2010. HECO's filings included many substantive corrections to its original filing.

In the Commission's view, HECO's filing of substantive revisions to its Opening Brief is inappropriate. Those revisions, which were filed after the deadline for opening briefs, could potentially disadvantage the other Parties to this proceeding as well as the Commission, and subvert the deadline set forth in the procedural schedule filed in this docket. Although the Commission has not received any objections from the other Parties, for purposes of administrative efficiency, the Commission needs to determine whether there are any objections before proceeding any further. Accordingly, the Commission will allow the Consumer Advocate and the DOD to file any objections they may have to HECO's corrected filings within five days of the date of this letter. In the future, HECO is prohibited from filing substantive revisions to a filing after the filing deadline, unless permitted by applicable law or rules and regulations.³

Sincerely,

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³ Non-substantive errata sheets are allowed.